

Local Happenings

The buds on the willows are just about at the bursting point, and the fruit buds are swelling, too, on the farms along Rhea creek, according to the statement made in this paper Tuesday by R. E. Allstott. Mr. Allstott expresses some fear that this warm spell may be the ruin of next year's fruit crop, though he admits that the stockman and farmer have no complaint to make. In seasons past when we experienced a mid-winter spell of weather similar to the one we are now enjoying, we have been later hit by wintry blasts that caught the fruit trees when the sap was starting up, and then it was all off with the fruit for the following year, and in some instances the trees were killed. We are not going to make dire predictions, however, and shall hope that such will not be the case this year.

O. G. Crawford has a new helper in the Joseph Herald office in the person of his niece, Miss Coramae Crawford, daughter of Waver Crawford of the Heppner Gazette-Times. Miss Crawford has learned to operate a linotype machine since she was here last. Since Mrs. Crawford's mother, Mrs. Emma Dice, was painfully injured by a fall when a bone in her hip was broken, her daughter has remained at home to care for her. This left the shop without its able machine operator and Otheo found there were not hours enough in the day for him to do all the work. His brother and niece then came to the rescue. Mrs. Dice's many friends hope for her speedy recovery.—Enterprise Record Chiefman.

Big rains and heavy land slides down the Columbia in the vicinity of Hood River caused Heppner folks to do without their Sunday evening mail from Portland. The mail train was able to get through early Monday morning, however, and there has been no delay since. The Willamette valley and Portland are having one of the biggest floods in years but late reports do not indicate that the rains are letting up and the waters receding.

Ray Luper, of the state engineer's office, came in on the stage from Arlington yesterday, to remain here a day or so attending to business. He states that he would like to be in the valley just now and get a view of the big spread of water caused by the heavy rains and overflowing streams.

Miss Helen V. Smith, proprietor of Cash Variety store, arrived home on the stage Monday from her vacation of two weeks spent at the old home in Roseburg. She was unfortunate enough to be on the train that was held up by the big slide near Hood River on Sunday.

David Hynd, of Hynd Bros., leading sheepmen of Sand Hollow, was here on Wednesday to attend to matters of business. The hills all about the Hynd ranch have put on a beautiful coating of green, and the open spell of weather is making a big saying in hay.

Al Henriksen was in town Tuesday and stated that during the past week he had been a pretty busy man, riding around and gathering in cattle to place on the Henriksen ranches. He and his sons are running about 400 head of cattle this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ritchie of Ione are the parents of a 7 1/2 pound son born to them on the 7th inst. Grandpa John T. Kirk was up from the Egg City Saturday and reported the arrival to this paper, this being his tenth grandson.

Miss Beth Bleakman, who was a guest of Miss Zoe Hadley during the holidays, left Sunday for her home in Hardman. She was accompanied by Mrs. Evan Stoneman, who is teaching in the Hardman schools.—Boardman Mirror.

John T. Kirk was up from Ione Saturday looking after the Kirk property in South Heppner and putting out some shrubbery. He intended leaving for Portland Monday to be absent several days on business.

W. A. Thomas, one of the old-timers of the north end of the county, now retired from active ranch life, was a visitor here on Tuesday from Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Huebner, of North Sand Hollow, were visitors in Heppner on Tuesday.

Good eating apples for sale at \$1.50 per box and up. Heppner Bakery.

Is Married at Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Kirk of Ione are in receipt of the news announcing the wedding of their daughter, Florence Kirk Bennett, to Nelson Jepson at Calgary, Alberta, on December 29, 1922, Rev. W. A. Green officiating.

Mrs. Jepson is well known here, where she was born and raised and has resided for the greater part of her life. Her husband, Mr. Jepson, is a professional wrestler and engaged in a number of contests at Heppner a few years ago and people who made his acquaintance at that time found him to be a man of character as well as of high standing in his profession. Mrs. Jepson is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk and her friends here extend hearty congratulations.

EIGHT WORTH WHILE RULES FOR EFFICIENT TELEPHONING

The Wisconsin Public Utilities bureau has issued the following suggestions to telephone users, stating that if they are observed "they will not only result in better telephone service but will prove to be a business and social asset":

1. Answer the telephone immediately, and if you are not the one wanted, get the right party. If he is out of the office offer to take the message.
2. Eliminate waste of words. Answer by saying, "Mr. — speaking," then further announce the name of your department or company.
3. Always have a pad and pencil ready.
4. Speak politely. Put the smile into your tones.
5. Keep your lips one-half inch from the mouthpiece of the instrument. If cut off, don't jiggle the hook to recall the operator, but move it up and down slowly.
6. It is aggravating to the average individual to be called to the telephone and then told to "hold the wire." If there is any waiting to be done, it is the caller's obligation to do it.
7. Do not use the telephone longer than necessary. Other people may want to reach you.
8. Report any of your telephone troubles to your local company, for every company wants you to have the best service it can provide.

LEGION MAKES APPEAL TO CHURCHES

Broadmindedness and Preparedness to Serve Assented by Oregon Legion Official—Legion Favors Immigration Exclusion.

A New Year's message to the ministers and members of all churches of the state has been issued by the American Legion, department of Oregon, through its chaplain, Rev. Frank James of Dallas, Ore. The message is made in an endeavor to place before religious organizations of the state the broadmindedness of the legion organizations, its strict impartiality and indiscriminate on religious issues and that its only concern is its preparedness to serve. The message in full follows:

"To the Ministers and Members of All the Churches in the State of Oregon—Greetings:

"As we stand once more upon the threshold of another year I bring to you the heartiest greetings of the American Legion that this will be the best and most successful year in all your history. And we speak this greeting from the sincerest depths of our hearts. We have much for which to thank you and every reason to wish you well. We are not unmindful of the heretically unselfish service which you rendered us by your most hearty co-operation in all projects instituted for our comfort while engaged in the great world struggle of a few years ago.

"Yes, we are the same men, although organized under another name; we have the same high ideals and patriotic purposes, although we are fighting for them upon the more prosaic battlefield of peace. Yes, we are men from every walk and profession of life; our membership is composed of men from every denomination of religion and those of no denomination; but now, as then, we stand shoulder to shoulder, as man to man. Now, as then, we know no race or creed or color; here we know neither Protestant nor Catholic, Gentile or Jew; but one is for all, all for one, and altogether we stand for service to the gloriously unselfish Banner and the defense of the constitution which upholds it. We believe ourselves to be an organization of 100 per cent Americans ready to serve our country and our flag with the same measure of devotion in times of peace as characterized our service in the times of war.

"And now we are about to take our stand in another sector on the battlefield of peace and strive to obtain our objectives and bring to reality the ideals for which we strive; we bespeak a like measure of your support and cooperation as characterized your activities during the world war. With heartiest personal greetings and best wishes, I have the honor to be yours for service.

FRANK JAMES,
Chaplain the American Legion,
Department of Oregon, Dallas.

Would Exclude Immigration.

Indianapolis, Ind. (National Headquarters, American Legion).—Total exclusion of all immigration for a period of five years will be asked of Congress by the American Legion.

The Legion's stand on immigration, according to a number of speakers at the recent conference, is based upon the increase in illiteracy in this country which in turn is said to be responsible for all red and bolshevik movements now steadily increasing in scope. The 3 per cent immigration law of 1920 was branded by the Legion as a failure.

"Immigration must be restricted even if this restriction pinches cor-

tain industries," Alvin Oswald, national commander, said at a recent meeting of the New York State Chamber of Commerce, oldest organization of like character in the world. "We hear much of what the coal and steel industries need in the way of raw labor but this need is nothing to that of last winter, when a million ex-service men walked the streets and slept in parks jobs. These men had fought for America. It was their right to be given first chance at jobs."

Almost any disabled vet can vouch that red tape is more of an obstruction than barbed wire.—Pacific Legion.

Slat's Diary

By ROSS FARQUHAR.

Friday—Are home was very uncomfortable today as far as the Jr. member of the family was concerned on acct. I brot home a few grades which ma diddnt think the per cent was high enuff to content her. And incidently I had sum D. merits all so. But ma is funny that way. I dont see why she shud ought to wirry. I dont.

Saturday.—Mrs. Gillem was tuk down sick and the dr. told Mr. Gillem he better go get a nurse for her. He told the dr. to go ahead and hire I and he sed. See that she is a good looking one and I bet you the ole lady is on her ft. in a jiffy. Mrs. Gillem overherd it & told him if he got that kind of a

nerse she Wood be on her ft. and her ft. wood be on his neck. Se she went ahead and got well in spite of him. And the Dr.

Sunday—Are class had a new boy in it at Sunday school today & teacher told him we was glad to have him & she wood like to meet him in heaven. He replied and sed Well I dont see nothing to keep you from it if you be a real good girl and dont sware or smoke cigarets and etc. Xmas Eve. I dont half to be good from now on.

Xmas—I seen the lovely Christmas dawn. I seen the trash out on the lawn. I seen the piles of lovely presents. And pa went out a hunting presents.

Poetry & Christmas always goes together. I got my steam engine and the pirat book & when pa come home he enjoyed my enjin and now he is berried in my book. But ma says I can have it in a few days after the Noveltly has wore off.

Tuesday—Wood went to the pitcher show only it was the 4 horsemen of Apoplexy and I had saw it.

Wednesday—Pa says when I is mad he shud ought to try not to say mean things & if you succeed it proves I is not mad.

Thursday—Went to a yung fokes dance but diddnt enjoy it much as most of the girls is poor dancers. There it is always getting under neath mine.

Mrs. A. B. Chapn was in the city yesterday, looking after business affairs. She states that everything out in the Hardman country is looking fine as a result of the open spell, and the mild weather is greatly appreciated by the stockgrowers.

Fred Aahbaugh and son Roy and Tilden Williams were residents of the Hardman section doing business in this city yesterday.

Thrifty Tim

"I've just returned from a visit at the poorhouse," said Thrifty Tim, while waiting for a Wall Street crease in his blue serge, "and I couldn't find a person there who had been called a tightwad in their younger days."

That may be left-handed philosophy, if you don't get just what Tim meant—but think it over.

Please notice that Tim was only a visitor—distributing a few gifts to the needy. He has it to give.

Lloyd Hutchinson

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Ione	Lv. 11:05	4:05	Morgan	Lv. 10:05	5:05
Lexington	Lv. 11:30	4:30	Cecil	Lv. 10:35	5:35
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